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Docket No.: 826.1540

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi TSUDA

Serial No. 09/266,863

Group Art Unit: 2654

Confirmation No. 6336

Filed: March 12, 1999

Examiner: Patrick Nestor Edouard

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AMENDMENT

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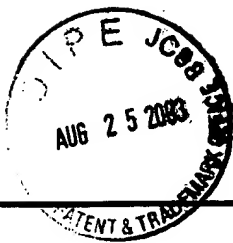
This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on August 22, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>	Attorney Docket No.	826.1540	
	Application Number	09/266,863	
	Filing Date	March 12, 1999	
	First Named Inventor	Hiroshi TSUDA	
	Group Art Unit	26546	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	84.00	Examiner Name	Patrick Nestor Edouard

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 01/01/03)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	18	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	- 4 =	1	X \$ 84.00 =	84.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of August 22, 2003, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$410); 3 months (\$930); 4 months (\$1,450); 5 months (\$1,970)):

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Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)

Total of above Calculations =

\$ 84.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

**TOTAL FEES DUE =**

\$ 84.00

(1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".

(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".

(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

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- ☒ Check enclosed as payment.
- ☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
- ☐ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:
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| Deposit Account No.  | 19-3935            |
| Deposit Account Name | STAAS & HALSEY LLP |
- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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